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had shown themselves to be just, conciliatory, and reliable there would be no such unity existing as does among the Southern whites. They are held together because of the corruption and dangerous principles and tendency of the Republican party. It will not be wise to present a ticket to the people of North Carolina that will cause deep murmurings in thousands of hearts and excite a spirit of discontent if not open resistance. Men of unsullied records, and who are above suspicion, should be nominated. There are dozens of men in North Carolina, we are glad to believe, who are well qualified to be Governor. They have character, experience, ability and devotion to the true interests of North Carolina. They are not so identified with public transactions as to make them specially offensive to any section. Some of these should be nominated if victory is the watchword and a united party the inspiration.

It is better to look these things squarely in the face before the State Convention meets. It is too late to remedy evils and stifle complaints after the nomination is made. Prudent men will fore-see the evil and danger and avoid it accordingly.

What is said generally of the highest office will apply to all the other State offices. The right men should be chosen. There are thousands of good and true North Carolinians who are heartily sick of supporting all sorts of men who may be foisted upon the party by the tricks and combinations of the machine manipulators.—*Advocate of the Grange.*

De Mountain Sprout.

BY WM. H. M'GEE.

Watermills might sweet;
Tell you what dey're had to beat
Moon ashinin' in the patch.
Here's a nigger on de snatch.
No one here to see me pull,
Gwine to eat my belly full.
Stay dah, mule, an' wait for me,
While I see what I can see.
(Sweetheart waitin' down de road—
Gwine to help me tote de load—
Dat gal poaty, shoo's you born,
Lub her wus'n hoss lub corn.)
Stay dah, dog, beside de mule;
Don't you bark an' ac de fool.
White man sonn' asleep in bed,
Couldn't be dead if he's dead;
House 'way off on top de hill,
Luck des fills out all de bill.
Glory me—de "mountain sprout"—
Red inside an' streaked out!
Mouf' awat'rin' at de thought,
Sweeten'n any eber bought.
Here's my "Barlow," ole-time knife,
Des as sha'p as ways in life.
Swash sho, Swash sho, in she go,
Rhine acrackin'—ripe, I know,
Oh, good golly! What dat? Bum!
BREECHES BURNIN' WHAH DEY HANG!
Lawdy! Lawdy! Who dat shot?
Dis ain't me, sah, 'deed hit's not!
Nudder nigger—yes, indeed—
He's de man what come to feed,
Got so drunk, didn't hab no sense,
Fell off mule dis side de fence.
Here I is plum shooted through,
On my way to meetin', too.
In de mits of life, dey say,
Debbil's watchin' by de way.

Elizabeth City, *Carolinian*: There is a good deal of uneasiness in Democratic circles about this district.—The engineers on the railroad have reached the Virginia line, and the grading is being pushed forward. One thousand hands are advertised for. The doubts of the skeptics are disappearing. The road will be built, and speedily, too.—We see that Rev. F. C. Woodward, the eloquent pastor of the Methodist church, at this place, has been selected by the V. M. C. A., at the Chapel Hill University, to deliver the annual address before that body at commencement. Something worth hearing may be expected.—The whalers camped at the south end of Hatteras woods saw a couple of whales close into the shore one day last month, and put out in their boats and fastened on to one of them. After an exciting chase of about two hours, during which they were unable to get near enough to the whale to kill him, the other whale rose under the boat and tossed it into the air, smashing it and capsizing the boat's crew into the water. They were soon picked up by another boat and again fastened to the whale, but night coming on they were obliged to cut their line and let him go, he having towed them out near the outer end of Hatteras shoals. So far they have been unable to capture any whales this season, but hope to do better between now and the 20th of April, when they break camp.

A CARD.—Having never contributed in the least degree to any discord in the Democratic party, but always having tried to serve it faithfully, and recognizing that there does not exist a feeling of discontent which may prove disastrous to its best interests, I respectfully announce that I am not a candidate for Congress. While I know that many friends will be disappointed by this determination on my part, it is what I conceive to be my duty.
Hoping for the success of the nominees of the party, and grateful for my friends for their long-continued support, I ask them not to consider me in connection with a nomination for Congress or any other office.
A. M. WADDELL.

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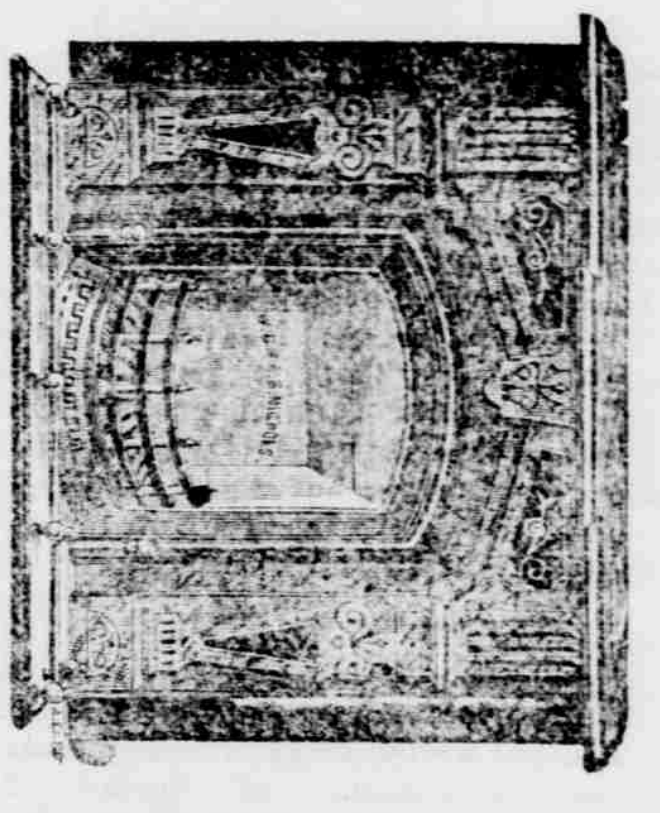
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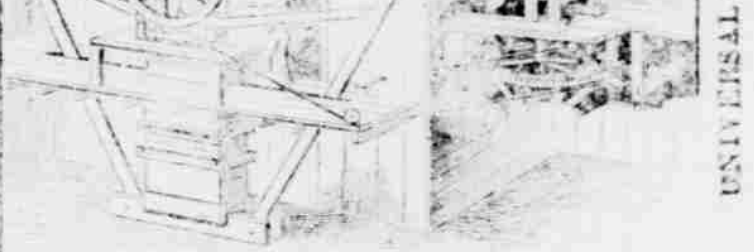
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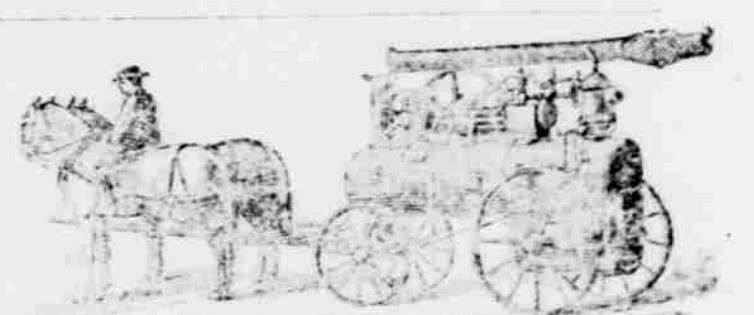
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